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Kindly amend Claim 12 as indicated following.

12. A framing lumber product operative to assist in layout and assembly of a wall wherein such wall comprises a bottom plate and a top plate, and a plurality of dimension stude extending between the bottom plate and the top plate at one or more of a limited number of pre-determined standard stud spacings along the bottom plate and the top plate, said framing lumber product comprising:

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- (a) an elongate piece of lumber for use in one of the bottom plate and the top plate, said elongate piece of lumber having first and second ends and a length therebetween, a front surface and a back surface, opposing sides extending between the front and back surfaces along the length thereof, and thickness dimensions between the front surface and the back surface, and between opposing sides thereof; and
- (b) a plurality of stud locator markings spaced along the length of said elongate piece of lumber at one or more surfaces which assist in defining respective ones of the thickness dimensions, each said stud locator marking defining a position for placement, on said elongate piece of lumber, of an end of a stud dimension lumber piece having opposing front and back surfaces and a thickness dimension therebetween, to be joined to said elongate piece of lumber, said marking indicators on said elongate piece of lumber indicating the positions where the front and back surfaces of respective stud lumber pieces are to intersect said elongate piece of lumber;

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the plurality of stud locator markings being spaced from each other along the length of said elongate piece of lumber at at least one of the limited number of predetermined standard stud spacings.

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each of the plurality of stud locator markings comprising marking material deposited directly on said elongate piece of lumber at a such respective surface which assists in defining a such thickness dimension of the respective said elongate piece of lumber.